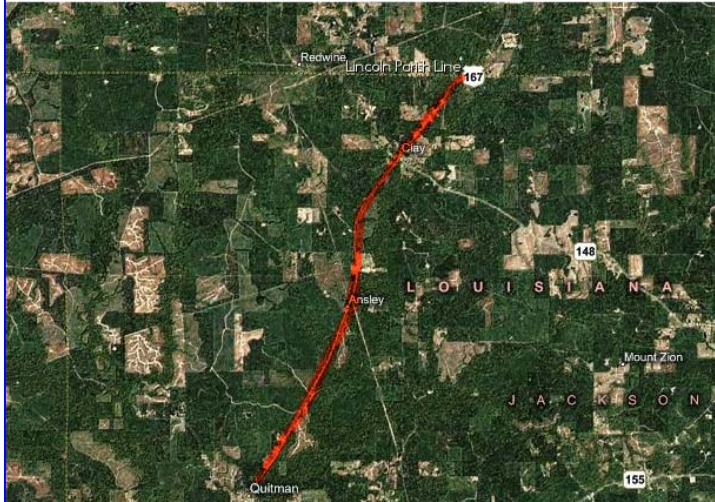


# AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

## LOUISIANA'S TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS

### US 167 (QUITMAN TO LINCOLN PARISH LINE)



*The \$ 6 million project will complete the work begun under the TIMED program by rehabilitation of US 167 to create a new four-lane highway.*

#### Notable Project Facts

- Construction will consist of rehabilitation of the existing, original two-lane roadway (southbound lanes)
- The length of the roadway rehabilitation project is approximately 8 miles
- This project will rehabilitate and overlay the existing lanes and bring them up to 65mph design standards.
- This is one of only two sections of the US 167 TIMED route from Jonesboro to Ruston that did not get rehabilitated.
- Project can be let to construction within 120 days
- Project will be delayed several years unless ARRA funds are utilized

#### Why do we need this?

The highway was recently widened from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway through the TIMED Program; however, funding was not available in that program to upgrade the existing two lanes, which are in a deteriorated condition. Improving the existing two-lanes will greatly enhance the investment made insofar as improved mobility and safety for the traveling public.

#### A solid investment...

The State has spent over \$400 million in construction costs to add additional lanes on the US 167 corridor. In order to obtain the maximum benefit from the additional lanes on this corridor, it is important that the existing two lanes, which are in a deteriorated state, are in a good state of repair. This project will accomplish that.

#### Project Selection for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

La DOTD, in accordance with the parameters set forth by President Barack Obama's economic stimulus, has identified projects which are "shovel ready" and can be let to construction in a very short timeframe. 50% of the ARRA funding must be obligated within 120 days of apportionment of the funds. Failure to obligate this funding within the prescribed time will result in reallocation of the balance of funds to other States.

